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(All Sections/Groups)

12 MARCH 2018
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This Question Paper consists of **TWO** pages, excluding this cover page, with **FIVE** questions only.
2. Attempt the **COMPULSORY** question in Section A and any **THREE** questions in Section B.
3. Please write all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.
4. Please be concise in your answers and answer directly the questions that are asked. Points will not be awarded for irrelevant answers. Long answer does not necessarily translate to more marks.

SECTION A
Instructions: This question is COMPULSORY. You must attempt this question.

QUESTION 1

(a) Maurice Duverger classifies party systems into 3 categories which are one, two and multi-party systems. Explain the differences of these party systems?

(15 marks)

(b) Provide the reasons on why Malaysia could not exercise a two party system even if Pakatan Harapan [PH] registration as a single party is approved by RoS.

(25 marks)

SECTION B
Instructions: You are to choose 3 out of 4 questions in this section.

QUESTION 2

You have been appointed by a non-governmental organization [NGO] to design strategies on ways to expand civil rights in an area that the Malaysian public regards as controversial – Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT).

(a) Choose and describe two strategies from these six major areas [public opinion, parties, interest groups, Parliament, the bureaucracy, and the courts].

(10 marks)

(b) Analyze the relevant theories that support your argument.

(10 marks)

QUESTION 3

Climate change may potentially bring about changes in the frequency of extreme weather events such as heat waves, flooding or thunder storms, which in turn may require adaptation to changes in our living conditions.

(a) Explain the role of government, industry, and economy to minimize the effect of climate change.

(10 marks)

(b) To what extent does government policy play a role in climate change?

(10 marks)

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QUESTION 4

There are criticisms that economic pressure groups have too much influence over political outcomes and are overshadowing the interest of the general public.

(a) Explain the reasons on why government should not cooperate with economic pressure groups.

(10 marks)

(b) What are the methods that pressure groups could employ to influence public policy?

(10 marks)

QUESTION 5

Chomsky states, "We cannot address terrorism of the weak against the powerful without addressing the terrorism of the powerful against the weak". He is pointing out that a powerful nation is also complicit in terrorizing weaker nations.

(a) Discuss the significance of "redefining" terrorism and who those "terrorists" may be according to Chomsky.

(10 marks)

(b) Malaysia's main challenge in combating terrorism is in curbing the rise of local militants and sympathizers drawn to the Islamic State (IS) terrorist group's cause. Describe two measures taken by the Malaysian government to combat terrorism.

(10 marks)

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